

Public Open House Comments - February 10, 2014

	RESIDENT	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL	Mail	Fax	OPEN HOUSE	Corridor Options			Multi-Moadal		East Bush Lake Road			West Bush Lake Road		Comments
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1	Alan Rindels	8150 Rhode Islane Ave		x			x	3	2	1	No	Yes	3	2	1	2	1	Thanks for taking my input, the pedestrian crossing at East Bush Lake Road and Highwood is a mess and needs improvement. I am in favor of the roundabout projects, regretfully, Bloomington residents may not be in favor. It would be nice if the City recognized the bicycle commuters, and would start installing more bike lanes as in Edina. The intersections are always an issue for bicyclist on trails. They do not get the same treatment as a pedestrian in a crosswalk as a pedestrian does in a crosswalk, and it is confusing to the motorist. There are bicycle commuters using this corridor to West Bush Lake Road to EP and Edina. There are commuters who use this route, West Bush Lake Road to W78th Street to Gleason, to Vernon to Blake Road and then to the Cedar Lake Trail. Please keep this mind as you are developing your trails and roads.
2	Harry W. Woelfle	8400 Pennsylvania Rd #219					x	1	2	3		No	3	2	1	2	1	None
3	Howard Goltz	8201 Kingslee Rd					x	1	3	2	No		1	2	3	2	1	With less traffic on Highwood than prior to 169 changes, I see no need to spend (my) money to upgrade Highwood. I experience <u>NO</u> problems at either E or W Bush Lake intersections - absolutely <u>NO</u> problems. Therefore, maintain existing roadway. (This person also wrote in "(1) Leave as is. Stop Signs" for W Bush Lake Rd question directly before the comments, as in no change is his first pick).
4	Jensen	8127 Pennsylvania Cir					x	1	3	3			1	2	3	2	1	None
5	Frank Kopish	8135 Pennsylvania Circle					x	3	1	3			3	3	1		1	Bike ?s: I walk daily on Highwood. As long as no interference from bike traffic, ok. Comments: Like the use of round abouts to keep traffic moving.
6	William Kimberly	8046 Pennsylvania Rd					x	2	1	3		Yes	2	1	3	1	2	None
7	Judy Jones	10221 Cairel (Cavel?) Circle					x	3	2	1		Yes	2	3	1	2	1	As a cylcing Commuter, I am concerned about safe alternatives going non [existant?] on Buch Lake. Having the space on road to handle the speeds going down the hill and merging with traffic.
8	Mark Stump	8252 Maryland Rd					x	3	1	2			1	3	2	1	2	On steet Bike lane: Sure. If they'll use it, but kids sure won't - and shouldn't W Bush Lake Roundabout: Waste of money at this intersection Comments: Costs? Timing?
9	J. V. Biedny	6909 West 82nd St					x	3	2	1	No	Yes	2	1	3	1	2	Corridor Option B: very difficult snow removal, plows will beat this to hell Corridor Option C: Slows traffic nicely and accomodates real bikers MultiUse trail: Sidewalks are fine. No need for bigger trail. Put bikes in road as in "C" W Bush Lake roundabout: coming down hill to the circle would be dangerous Comments: I know roundabouts are trendy right now. It may even work well most of the time, but at morning and evening rush, people on Highwood will NOT gain access to the <u>constant</u> traffic up and down Bush Lake. PLease, please, please don't gift us with a roundabout in either location. Esp. bike/crash issues.
10	Sue Knauff	8222 Oregon Road					x	1	3	2	No		2	1	3	1	2	Multi-Use Trail: Ok for one side but not both E Bush Lake Option 3: Horrible (arrow to comments) W Bush Lake Option 2: Unnecessary, why spend the \$ for this if not needed Comments: with a roundabout at EBL Rd we will NEVER be able to get out of our neighborhood at peak times. You're supposed to yield to left traffic and it will be impossible to get into the roundabout, much less get over to the correct lane to go north. Please, please, please, please don't do this.
11	Jerry Jessen	8043 Tiereys Woods Carve					x	1	3	3	No	No	2	1	3	1	3	EBL Rd option 2: Waste of Money if it is not four lanes all the way EBL Rd option 3: people can't handle a 2 lane traffic circle WBL Rd option 1: Maybe 2 way stop

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12	Niel Christenson	8260 Kingslee Rd					x	3	1	2	Yes	No	3	2	1	2	1	I prefer the two lane approach for better traffic (something) and (something). Multi Purpose trail would be a good addition for accessing Hyland Trail. Presenter did a very good job!!
13	Bob and Jackie Elliott	8116 Rhode Island Circle					x		1		Yes	No		1			1	On street bike lane: Seems dangerous - Comments: We feel a parkway approach would be a beautiful addition to the area. A roundabout on the west end would also be quite nice. Thanks for the oppurtunity to share our opinion.
14	Dawn Martens	8107 Tierneys Wood Crv					x						1	2	3	1		Corridor Option C: Would this be confusing to the many area senior citizens? WBL Rd option 2: As a resident of the Tierneys Wood neighborhood I would urge the city to side with what is in place. I have children who will someday cross WBL and it seems much safer to have stop signs vs a roundabout system where people will not need to come to a true stop. If it's not broken why change it? <u>Thanks</u>
15	Patty Biedny	6909 W. 82nd St					x	3	2	1	Yes	Yes	2	1	3		1	None
16	Marie Leisenheimer	7900 Lea Rd					x	1	3	2			1	2	3	1	2	WBL option 1: Leave the same Comments: Would rather just leave everything as it is. <u>No</u> Roundabouts! <u>No</u> medians and No Multi-Use trails. <u>Need better</u> snow and Ice removal on the Highwood and East Bush Lake hills! (Can not get up the hills with a 2 lane road way)
17	Hans Jones	10221 Cavell Cir					x	3	2	1	No	Yes	2	3	1	2	1	EBL Rd Option 2: Poor planning for merge issues and conflicts Comments: Sounds like most of the audience objection relates to driver behavior -- speed and staying in lane. If these don't change it doesn't improve safety and congestion! Bicycle communters find off road trail less efficient and friendly and only used as a route of last resort.
18	Bill Staebell	8309 W Bush Lake Rd					x	3	2	1						2	1	Roundabouts are better than stop lights
19							x	2	3	1	Yes	Yes	3	1	2	1	2	None
20	Joan Fisher	7231 Oak Pointe Curve					x	1	3	3			1	3	3	1	2	EBL Rd option 3: <u>Please</u> NO more roundabouts! Dangerous Comments: if there is a multi-Use trail on the south side, who maintains it? At the present time there are side walks that are not taken car of, difficult to walk. Lots of branhes and untrimmed trees.
21	Tom Nardone	8294 Kingslee Rd					x	3	1	2	Yes	No	2	1	3			2 Lane highwood - In Favor Multi-Use Trail - In favor
22	Marlynn Clark	7123 Oak Point Curve					x	3	2	1	No	Yes	2	1	3	2	1	None
23	Pat Squires	8128 Rhode Island Cr					x	1	3	2	No		1	2	3	1	2	Get rid of the potholes on highwood. Have police enforce speeding/ Get a new signal at E. Bush and highwood that works by responding to waiting traffic. (Sensor in street). The rest works just fine.
24	James Farrell	8153 Pennsylvania Circle					x	3	1	2	No	No	1	3	3	1	2	(1) Two Lane roundabouts not feasible in winter or the skill level and cell phone distraction of minnesota drivers (2) Not multi-use trails. Only need sidewalks (3) No on-lane bike paths on highwood drive
25	Shelby Foerster	8274 Rhode Island					x	1	3	3		No	1	2	3	1	2	EBL Rd roundabout: <u>NO</u> Comments, re EBL Option 3: Please no roundabout. It is really impossible to come eastbound on the frontage road of 494 (south side). The washington ave roundabout is clogged and virtually at a stand still making entry a nightmare. I go many miles out of my way to avoid that roundabout. I would hope you would have highwood 4 lane to make possible easy access to friendshy village and the neighborhood for emergency vehicles. We are an aging population!
26	Barbara Wilson	8033 Telegraph Rd					x	1	3	1	No	Yes	1	2	3	1	2	No Multi-Use Trail Corridor Option C: We need visibility on telegraph.
27	Art Morgan	8108 Telegraph Rd					x	3	1	2	Yes	No	3	2	1	2	1	Still have a concern over having to exit telegraph with fast moving highwood traffic and limited eight (?) lanes both <u>east and west</u> too many close cases, including tonight.
28	Orey Beam	6976 W 84th St Cir					x	1	3	3	No	No	1			1		Multi-Use Trail: Bicycles don't yield for pedestrians on multi-use trail, so we would lose pedestrian travel on South Side.
29	Dave Hutton	8133 Utah Ave S					x	3	2	1	Yes	Yes	3	2	1	2	1	None
30	Micheal Hutton	8133 Utah Ave S					x	3	2	1	Yes	Yes	3	2	1	2	1	None
31	Paul Wilson	7204 Lakeview Cir					x	3	2	1	No	Yes	3	2	1	2	1	EBL Rd option 2 (roundabout): This makes perfect sense Comments: Bike Trails are great.

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32	Richard J. Thomas	8400 Pennsylvania Rd					x	1	2	3	No	No	3	2	1	2	1	On street Bike Lane: Dangerous - See Wooddale Ave - Edina Comments: Good work. Keep true roundabouts. Don't follow the goat to design roadway.
33	Jenny Weber	7601 West 101st St #109					x	3	1	3	Yes		3	1	3	1	2	I don't think roundabouts are good.
34	Lynn VanOrrum	8151 Pennsylvania Circle					x	3	2	1		Yes	2	1	3	1	2	None
35	Dan Magan (?)	6972 W 84th St					x	1	3	3			1	1	3	1	2	None
36	Johanna Magan (?)	6972 W 84th St Cir					x	1	3	3			1	1	3	1	2	None
37	Lisa Beam	6976 W 84th St Cir					x	1	3	3			1	1	3	1	2	None
38	Dan and Carol Forby	8158 Utah Ave SO					x	1	3	3	No	No		1		1		Keep Bicyclists off road, they don't obey traffic signs! No roundabout on West Bush Lake Road and Highwood Drive -- people don't know how to operate them correctly.
39	Bob Janssen	8349 Virginia Ave S					x	1	2	3			2	1	3	2	1	None
40	Len and Barb Mitsch	8220 Kentucky Circle					x	3	2	1			2	1	3		1	Good Presentation
41	Dick Neighbor	7325 W 83rd Street					x	1	3	1			1	3	3	1	2	None
42	Matt Bohrnstedt	8425 Virginia Rd					x	2	1	3	Yes	No	3	1	2	2	1	Do <u>NOT</u> add 2nd lane going down hill on EBL toward ski jump! There is an existing issue at the base of the hill when going up where 2 lanes merge into one lane and during peak hours it is not fun as continual "pissing matches" play out since people cannot peacefully merge. <u>That</u> area should be re-worked as part of the project.
43	Charles Sweningsen	Friendship Village					x		1				1			1		The general direction of Highwood is north-south, where is its south side?
44	George Kraynick	8212 Oregon Circle					x	3	1	2	Yes	Yes	3	2	1	1	2	Multi-Use Trail: It adds value but I would like consideration to be made for existing trees which are in the purposed trail zone, specifically the large red oak behind 8212 oregon circle. Comments: Please choose option B. This would enhance property value and safety for the neighborhood. Option A will still allow excessive speeding on highwood. Option C will still allow aggressive drivers to pass and potentially put at risk unaware pedestrians and cyclists.
45	Warren Fritz	8240 Pennsylvania Rd					x	1	3	3	Yes	No						Multi-Use Trail: The multi-use trail on the south side is a good idea. One concern is the expense to retain the hill west and south of telegraph rd. Comments: Road way does not work well now -- except for people not stopping at crosswalks. Pedestrians should [be] a little more aggressive.
46	Dona Clark	8400 Pennsylvania Rd					x	3	1					1	2		2	No bikes in auto lanes
47	Carol Fritz	8240 Pennsylvania Rd					x	1	3	3			1	2	3	1	2	None
48	Peter Seidman	8016 Telegraph Rd					x	1	3	3			1	3	3	1	2	On front at top: <i>IF</i> (!) you have to do something Comments: Leave Highwood 4 lane. In spite of your statistics it still takes 2-4 min to get out Telegraph to Highwood. If you made it 1 lane it will be terrible for us. You already blocked us getting out the other end . . .
49	Bill Allard	8145 Pennsylvania Circle					x	1	3	3	No	No	1	3	3	1	2	Corridor Option A: This remains the best option - Do nothing to lanes the exist Comments: Roundabouts at drive times will make residents time elongate, won't be able to get onto E Bush at all.
50	Kristine Allard	8145 Pennsylvania Circle					x	1	3	3	No	No	1	2		1	2	We do <u>not</u> need a roundabout at East Bush Lake Rd and Highwood. This is major traffic and needs lights. Why are we needing to spend money except for Highwood and E Bush Lake <u>needs lights</u> , NO roundabout.
51	Anne Heller	8409 Xylon Cir S					x	1	3	2	Yes	Yes	1	3	2	1	2	Bike Lane: Would be nice but <u>not</u> at the expence of a lane of motor vehicle traffic. Bicyclists could and should <u>follow the rules of the road</u> with motor vehicles; wait their turn! Comments: Roundabouts at 169 and 494 area gets backed up and traffic from one direction does not get an opportunity to enter the roundabout and the other direction blocks the roundabout so drivers cannot get to the opposite side (ie from Marth Rd to go to Eden Prairie)

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52	Glenn and Cheryl Craft	7701 Highwood Drive/ House with private drive on Highwood					x	3	2	1	No	Yes	1	2	3	1	2	(This person is also concerned about a trails effect on nearby trees) Comments: The width of a multi-use trail makes for a real problem if the curbing isn't changed. If all of the space required for this is as I understand it (18' beyond the curb), then it is not a workable solution for anyone whose home is on Highwood or backs up to it. The multi-use trail is really single use if bike lanes are on the roadway. That is what sidewalks are for. Thank You.
53	Brian Comeau	8517 Virgina Rd					x	2	3	1	No	Yes	2	3	1	2	1	I think the options were well documented and presented. Good job.
54	Todd Bordson	7717 Highwood Drive					x			1	No	Yes	2	3	1	1	2	I am not in favor of the off road multi-use bike trail due to the impact to the vegetation (tree loss and earth moving). I am in favor of a two-lane roadway with on-road bike lane. Keep existing south side sidewalk.
55	April and James Percich	8140 Rhode Island Circle (PO box 385437 - Mail here)					x	2	3	1	Yes	Yes	3	2	1	2	1	Option #3 is my #1; however! I have a major concern of how I would travel east on Highwood and turn left (or North) on E Bush Lake during peak rush hour. I think it would be very difficult to get in the roundabout because people on EBL will not want to yield to me once I'm in the roundabout. There would be a lot of accidents there. Also another concern is will people truly BLEND down to 2 lanes from 4 and still keep traffic moving - without accidents.
56	Kenneth Viken	7100 West 83rd St.					x	2	3	1	Yes	Yes	1	2	3	1	2	WBL Rd Option 1: Seems to work pretty well as it is WBL Rd Option 2: NO WAY Rose!
57							x	3	3	1	No	Yes	1	3	3	1	2	Simply repaint the lanes to one in each direction and save money! Bike lanes must be on street to be safe from cross traffic. Don't need a new multi-use trail, use existing sidewalks.
58	Ken Nordlie	7600 W 84th St					x	1	3	2	No	No	1	2	3	2	1	E BL Rd. A roundabout makes no sense here. Adding short 4 lanes sections will only cause a massive backup and low down at the merge during rush hours. Highwood. Except for a roundabout at Highwood and WBL Rd, leave Highwood alone it works very well as is. Don't solve a problem that <u>doesn't exist!</u>
59	Sandra Shaus	10548 Penn Ave So					x	3	1	2	Yes	Yes	2	3	1	2	1	The multi-use trail and Caisid (?) median would be an excellent opportunity to create more value to real estate holdings and bring young up and coming adults to Bloomington. Cannot keep with all seniors. Really need the young to move here! Option B is a prefect solution.
60	John Ahaus	10548 Penn-So BLM					x	3	2	1	Yes	Yes	3	3	1	2	1	Great oppurtunity to connect our towns bike trails for bike and walkers to use parks and streets.
61	E. A. Traficante	7329 Autumn Chace Cir					x	1	3	2			1	3	2	1	2	<u>Please! No more roundabouts! Leave it as is!</u> Change light timing at Highwood and E Bush Lake at rush hour and off time or allow left turn on red for Highwood during non-peak hours.
62	Bob Meehl	8131 Tierneys Woods Curve		x					1						1		1	
63	Edwin Kelly	8430 Pennsylvania Rd, Apt 202			x			3	1	2	Yes	DNO	3	2	1	2	1	Having grown up in Australia where roundabouts are common and understanding their efficiancy in aiding traffic flow and reducing accidents, I strongly support the roundabout option
64	John R. Larson	8208 Oregon Rd			x			3	1	2	Yes	No	1	3	3	1	2	Don't like having 4 lanes and then merge on hill. Don't want 4 lane on hill someday (Know not option now) The delay North/South is acceptable and better than was before - when Highwood had more traffic.
65	Nancy Larson	8208 Oregon Rd			x			2	1	3	Yes	No	1	2	3	1	2	

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66	Steve Goddard	6817 W 83rd St		x				1						1		1		<p>needed. I understand that since the 494/169 interchange completion, traffic levels are reduced. But honestly, sometimes at rush hour it does not seem like it. Reducing vehicle lanes for the sake of creating bicycle lanes with even less volume would be a tremendous inefficient use of real estate. Again, the serious bike riders are not on Highwood, they are are the new trails. The casual rider would benefit by the southside multi-use trail. There are a lot of people who walk the existing sidewalks. Investing money in landscaped islands, etc. just seems like a waste of money and in my opinion, cause safety concerns by limiting views of the road. Just invest the money in maintaining the road surface, painting and updated crosswalk control.</p> <p>East Bush Lake Rd = Option 2</p> <p>Love it. There has to be technology available to allow traffic to flow smoother even during rush hour. It seems Hennepin County is greatly biased towards Bush Lake Road at the expense of Highwood. My opinion has been to just fix the light. It can't be that difficult. Using 4 lanes through the intersection would greatly help, although I am somewhat concerned about the merges that must happen. It is stll "fun" working the merge at the bottom of the hill where East Bush Lake road turns to come up the hill. There needs to be signage and guidance as to how to yield and merge. I have seen a lot of "death races" there to see who can get out front first.</p> <p>By-the-way, Option 3 with a roundabout = COMPLETE DISASTER. How would Highwood to Southbound East Bush Lake Rd work at rush hour? We might as turn around and go home. Also, I am not sure they considered that there can be significant sun-blindness there at certain times of the year. Trying to go through a roundabout while fighting the sun would not be good.</p>
67	Ted Paulfranz	8157 Telegraph		x							Yes	No						He thinks the biggest problem with the sight distance concern at Telegraph is the speeds of vehicles coming WB (down the hill) at this location. Anything to address the speeding (reduce speed limit, enforcement, etc.) will help.
68	Susan Hulbert	8524 Park Knoll				x			3		Yes						2	<p>Option B - Would Ped & bike traffic volume be too hight? Dangerous?</p> <p>Option C - How many bikers do you anticipate using bike lanes?</p> <p>Option 2 - EBLR from north - 4 lane to 2 lane to 4 lane to 2 lane. Too much change in short distance</p> <p>Option 3 - EBLR same concern about lane adds and drops. concerned about bottleneck in a.m. foing north on EBLR from all the left turners on Highwood.</p>
69	Dr. George E. Fischer	7231 Oak Pointe Curve			x								1			1		
70	Jerry Raley	6800 W 82nd Street	x					1					1			1		
71	Car Bennetsen	8249 Maryland Road		x					1		No	Yes						<p>All options(A,B, and C) show a 10 foot wide Multi-Use Trail on the South Side plus a 10 foot green space between the trail and the street, for a total of 16 feet from the street. I think the Two-Lane Parkway Option C with bike paths would be excellent, but without the unnecessary Multi-Use Trail on the South Side. The Multi-Use Trail requiring 16 feet of space from the street is certainly within the City-s 10 foot easement from 1 to 2 feet to the lot side of the current sidewal (easement per City Building Dept). However, the Century telephone and Comcast buried cable is in this easement (within the proposed Mulit-Use Trail), and would have to be relocated.</p>
72	Greg Youtz	8261 Kentucky Circle		x					1						1		1	In general I like the greenway and roudabout option. They make good sense to me.
73	Cindy Corner	6968 W 84th Street		x							Yes	Yes						<p>I am a resident of the Oak Point Townhomes on Highwood and 84th St. and want to show my support for the proposed walk/bike lane along Highwood Drive. My husband and I are avid bikers and walkers and feel that this is needed for safety along this corridor. We will be at the council meeting on June 2nd to show our support for the project.</p>

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74	Judy Sigvertsen	6956 West 84th Street		x							No							<p>I find the idea of cutting down healthy trees/bushes and replacing them with 5 feet of cement to be deplorable. In addition to serving as a noise barrier, these trees and bushes help protect our homes from pollution created by the traffic on Highwood Drive. Furthermore, their removal would undoubtedly have a detrimental effect on property values. We lose enough trees to the vagaries of nature - we should not be cutting them down just because we can.</p> <p>I'm aware that putting in traffic circles is the current trend among city planners, but several studies have shown that traffic circles have little effect on traffic volume or speed. Their effect is not presently quantifiable due to many factors such as size of the circle, the distance from the circle at which speeds are measured, and the presence or absence of additional obstructions at the intersection. Professional statements regarding their effectiveness have been largely subjective, and in some cases biased toward a particular viewpoint. The case for circles as a volume and/or speed reducer is certainly not clear</p> <p>Traffic circles or roundabouts are not the only solution to a traffic problem and they tend to create additional complications and issues of their own. I believe a stop light at this intersection is a more viable option.</p>
75	Barb Miller	6925 W 82nd Street	x															<p>In support of steps to make the entire corridor have balanced safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle drivers. Please consider reducing speed limit to closer to 20 mph (as is being done/considered in Wayzata) and consider improving the lighting on the curves. There were two crashes in recent years at curves on the roadway, one into her house (in the last two years) and one into a tree and fence (2 weeks ago) - the one into her home involved high speeds that wouldn't likely have been eliminated by reducing the speed limit, but she feels more lighting would enhance the curve.</p>

- Comments received after City Council Study Meeting on April 7, 2014

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Dear Jack and Amy:

Sincerely,

Oak Pointe Townhomes is a townhome community consisting of 28 units. The property borders the southern side of Highwood Drive towards the east end of Highwood Drive. We are concerned about the proposals presented during the "Virtual" Open House #2.

Our primary concern is the idea of widening the sidewalk by 5 feet on the south side of Highwood Drive to convert it into a "multi-use trail way." We understand that this would be accomplished by extending the southern edge of the existing sidewalk by 5 feet. Losing the trees and bushes in this area would significantly diminish the appearance of our property from Highwood Drive and expose the units adjacent to Highwood Drive to more road noise and would reduce the attractiveness of their view towards Highwood Drive.

Neither are of the other options are desirable either. There are very few bicycles on Highwood, certainly not enough to justify creating two bicycle lanes that would interfere with on traffic flow.

Finally, concerning the intersection of Highwood Drive and East Bush Lake Road, we believe that either of the traffic circle options would be dominated by north-bound traffic on East Bush Lake Road creating a dangerous situation for Highwood Drive traffic attempting to go north-bound on East Bush Lake Road. We believe the new traffic light would be preferable.

Thank you for your consideration.



Greg Beam
President
Oak Pointe Townhome Association